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RAILROAD TO BE ASKED TO PUT DOWN SIDEWALK

Council Takes Action on McKean Avenue Improvement

GARBAGE CONTRACT LET

Harry Perry Gets Work For Coming Year---Rental is $10 Per Month

After receiving and formally accepting a petition presented by property holders and business men along McKean avenue, council Tuesday night at their regular monthly meeting took action to the effect that the Pennsylvania Railroad be notified to lay a sidewalk along the east side of McKean avenue from Fifth street to a point about midway between Third and Fourth streets. Thirty days is to be given them to lay the walk. The petition presented to council was largely signed. The letter to the company was this morning written by Borough Clerk Ira L Nickeson.

Councilman W. R. Gaut was the only absentee from the Tuesday meeting of council, those present being D. R. Duvall, president; D. R. Hormell, S. A. Michener, J. K. Mitchell John K. Rickey and Charles W. Weltner.

Harry Perry, who has held the contract for garbage disposal for some time was again awarded the contract. His bid for rental for the furnace was $10 per month. Representatives were present from North Charleroi council asking that they be permitted to use Charleroi's garbage furnace in disposing of their garbage. They were told if they could make arrangements with the contractor they could use the furnace.

J. K. Mitchell of the special committee appointed to look after the matter of establishing a public service station made the report that the committee had been working and could report progress.

A petition for a light for Lincoln avenue between First and Second St. was received and the street committee was instructed to investigate. Concerning the matter of boardwalks for various parts of the town where there are now no walks, the street commissioner was instructed to act.

Burgess S. L. Woodward presented his first report of police affairs, showing that in police circles January was a slow month. There were but 37 arrests, with fines assessed being $87.30 and fines collected being $79.30. Tax Collector J. W. Mathias made his report for the month of January showing collections to total $360.68. Several bills were received and ordered paid.

Adjournment was taken to meet on February 17.

TWO HUNDRED TO MAKE TRIP TO PITTSBURG

Tomorrow will be Charleroi day in Pittsburg when close to 200 people will travel by three special cars to attend the Billy Sunday meeting in the evening at the Bellefield tabernacle. The special cars will leave here a few minutes after 12 o'clock.

Dr. Vieslet Not Indicted

Westmoreland Court Fail to Produce Evidence of Manslaughter

Word was received today that the grand jury at Greensburg had failed to find a true bill indicting Dr. V. P. Veislet of Charleroi, for killing a man at Honessen by running him down with his automobile. A charge had been made against Dr. Viesler charging him with manslaughter and it was on this charge that the prosecutors failed to produce evidence for holding him.

FIREMEN OFFICERS ELECTED

Frank McClure is Named President of the Organization

GO IN FOR ATHLETICS

Officers of the Charleroi Fire Department were elected Tuesday evening at a meeting of the department. Virtually a new department in the fire association was created in the athletic department, of which Logan Wingett was elected manager. The firemen have engaged the gymnasium of the new school building for use every Monday night and all the firemen will be asked to be present if possible.

Officers elected were as follows:

President—Frank McClure.

First vice president—Delbert Carson.

Second vice president—Logan E. Wingett.

Secretary—S. M. Martin.

Treasurer—Dr. C. C. Wright.

Trustees—W. Lewis, Robert Craig, Thomas Christopher.

Chief—J. M. Fleming.

First assistant chief—J. W. Sclotter.

Second assistant chief—Frank McClure.

Auditors—Logan E. Wingett, G. Hudspith, K. Campbell

Company officers for the various companies were selected as follows:

Company No. 1—Captain, William Vetter; first lieutenant, Keith Campbell; second lieutenant, Robert Craig.

Company No. 2—Captain, Oscar Carson; first lieutenant, Logan E. Wingett; second lieutenant H. Lowstuter.

Company No. 3—Captain, Frank Welch; first lieutenant, Thomas Christopher; second lieutenant, W. Smith.

Company No. 4—Captain, Ward

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STATE WILL USE AVAILABLE MONEY

Highways Not to be Allowed to Suffer From Want of Proper Improvement if There is Any Way to Help It

Harrisburg, Feb. 3—Although hampered by insufficient funds wherewith to build first-class highways throughout the Commonwealth, the State Highway Department expects to spend such money as is available in putting the highways of Pennsylvania in as good a condition as is possible during 1914. This was made clear in a statement issued by the Department this week in which the program for the coming season was outlined.

The appropriations made by the last Legislature for the purpose of road construction under the Sproul Act have been almost exhausted and the Department is now waiting a legal decision as to the money in the State Treasury received from the taxation of motor vehicles. The last Legislature appropriated all money hereafter collected from this source to the State Highway Department for use in the construction and maintenance of highways but the Auditor General has raised the point that the Legislature exceeded its powers in thus acting and that the money must be specifically appropriated by each Legislature for this purpose. Pending a decision on this question, the State Highway Department has been unable to obtain the money now in the State Treasury and this has delayed the laying of plans for the coming season.

State Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow has decided that if the automobile money is made available for road work, the amount shall be used for putting in shape as many of the highways in the State as possible. It is his intention to have the roads gone over, scraped and cleaned and then to have all gutters cleaned out and repaired and to have the drains and culverts fixed. After this has been done the roads will be patrolled and efforts will be made to keep them in as nearly perfect condition as possible. It will not be feasible to proceed with much in the way of construction of new highways, since the amount of money available will not suffice to do more than keep the highways in passable condition.

The foregoing program, of course, does not apply to work to be done on State-aid applications. There remains from the appropriations made by the last Legislature a sufficient sum to enable a certain amount of work to be done on these applications made by counties, townships and boroughs but even this amount is far below that which would be required to comply with all of the applications now on file at the Department.

Perhaps the most notable work to be done during the coming season will be that of maintenance and the Maintenance Department is planning an active year. Repair or worn-out roads and resurfacing of others where the vehicle traffic is heavy will occupy the time and labor of the Department during a greater part of the season. When the new experimental laboratory for road making materials is established it is expected that a school of instruction for road makers will form a portion of its activities and this, it is hoped, will result in the transmission of a great deal of technical knowledge to the men who will be in charge of the actual construction of the highways.

The State Highway Department maps of the counties in the State are being eagerly sought for by those who are anxious to have accurate data on the roads in the various counties. These maps, which are made from surveys by the Department engineers, are of the same quality that map makers usually charge for at the rate of from $2.00 to $3.50. They are furnished to the public by the State Highway Department at the nominal cost of 25 cents each. At the present time the Department has for sale maps of the following counties: Bucks, Chester, Clarion, Crawford, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Warren and Wyoming. Maps of several of the other counties have been prepared but the Department is unable to have them printed owing to insufficient appropriations for that purpose by the last Legislature.

WEDDED TUESDAY AT REYNOLDSVILLE

Miss Florence Siple Becomes the Bride of D. C. Whitlatch

Beautiful in its simplicity, the wedding of Miss Rhoda Florence Siple, daughter of Mrs. Anna Siple, of West Reynoldsville, and D. C. Whitlatch of Charleroi took place Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother. The ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Dr. A. J. Meek, pastor of the New Kensington Baptist church assisted by the Reynoldsville pastor, Rev. Charles D. Reed, was witnessed by only the immediate family and Miss Snyder of New Bethlehem and Miss Ella Renfield of Falls Creek, intimate friends of the bride.

The bride was charming in a white bridal robe and carried bride's roses.

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SHOOTS WIFE THEN HIMSELF

Tragedy Occurs at Washington as Result of Jealous Rage

Returning home in a jealous rage Tuesday afternoon, Frank Kerns of Washington probably fatally wounded his wife. Mrs. Ida Kerns, aged 40 then committed suicide by shooting himself in the right temple. Mrs. Kerns is in the City Hospital in a dying condition.

The shooting evidently took place in the kitchen of the house, as two bullet holes were found in a wall. Investigation disclosed evidences of a struggle, chairs being overturned and other furnishings of the room being in disorder. After shooting his wife Kerns then went to the dining room, where he ended his life.

CHARLEROI APPLICANTS HEARD AT WASHINGTON

Teacher for Sixth Grade

Miss Ethel Hawthorne, of California, Selected for the Position

Miss Ethel Hawthorne of California has been chosen as a teacher for the sixth grade in the Fifth street school building and has started her work. It was found necessary to reduce the number of pupils in some of the lower grades and to do this the election of another teacher was necessary.

The school board held a regular meeting Tuesday evening, and paid a number of bills and heard some reports.

TAX LEVY IS FIXED; 12 MILLS

North Charleroi Council Names Rate of Millage

AUDITORS MAKE REPORT

The tax levy for North Charleroi borough during the ensuing year will be 12 mills. At their regular meeting on Monday night council instructed the borough solicitor to draw up a resolution to that effect. Ten mills of the tax will be known as the "regular" and two mills will be put into the sinking fund of the borough treasury.

At the meeting councilmen Cope, Bane, Houston, Woodward and Nebuling were present. Bills were ordered paid to the total amount of $597.42.

H. A. Williams, T. P. Sharpnack and Murray Moss, auditors, presented their report for 1913, which was accepted and ordered written and posted.

An ordinance regulating vaults and cesspools was taken up for first and second reading. The question of garbage disposal was taken up and a committee was appointed by the president to make arrangements for caring for the garbage.

A Keystone at the Star today. "Fattys Ride for a Bride." 173-t1

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CHARLEROI APPLICANTS HEARD AT WASHINGTON

License Holders Who Seek Renewals Before the Court

CHARGES ARE AIRED

Accusations Made That Local Men Sold to Minors ---Denials Filed

Charleroi applicants against whom special charges had been filed occupied the boards at the license court hearings at Washington Tuesday for the most part. These were W. H. Coles of The Wilbur, W. H. Zellers of the Hotel Charleroi, George Fellows of the Hotel Myford and the Charleroi Brewery of the Pittsburg Independent Brewing company. The testimony against the latter was to the effect that beer was sold through agents at Cokeburg. It was shown that the sales were made through the "sociological agents," who are employed by the coal company to regulate the distribution of beer among the miners, which the court on Monday ruled was not unlawful and the case was closed.

A hot fight was made on the applications of W. H. Coles and W. H. Zellers, however, as well as against the application of Thomas Madigan of the Hotel Moore at Millsboro. Charges were made that all three of the applicants were guilty of selling to minors, and to men of intemperate habits, and that their bars were not conducted in as orderly a manner as they should be. Danino Rosina of Dunlevy testified that he is 19 years of age, and that he had purchased beer in the Wilbur bar within two years. James Parkinson, who testified he was 19 years old, also testified that he had purchased beer in drinks at the Wilbur on two occasions during the past year. In attempting to prove that liquor was sold to men while intoxicated and those of intemperate habits much of the testimony was contradictory and not conclusive.

W. H. Coles testified that he did not believe that the minors got their drinks at his bar, but that it was possible for a minor to slip in when the place was crowded and be served. He also denied the charge that he and one of his bartenders were instrumental in luring away minor witnesses who has been summoned to appear against him. A number of witnesses were summoned who denied that they had been served with drinks illegally at the Wilbur bar, and other witnesses testified to the good character of the house.

W. H. Zellers of the Hotel Charleroi, also had to face the charges that liquor was sold to minors, to men of intemperate habits and men in an intoxicated condition at his bar. Minor witnesses called were Leland Jacobs and Paul Rosini of Stockdale and Paul Gutsella. Each of these denied purchasing beer at the bar, but the latter said he had been served with been there by a friend handing it to him. James Parkinson of Roscoe, 19 years old, however, testified that he had purchased drinks at that bar, and that he got them as often as he wanted them. A Pitts-

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A. Tener, Pres. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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OUR COUNTY ROADS.

Outside of county officials and newspaper people it is doubtful if there are one hundred people in the county who have a comprehensive knowledge of the road system that is in operation in Washington county. This county has spent more money for the construction and improvement of roads under the Flinn county road act with the exceptions of Allegheny county for whose benefit the act was passed than any other county in the state. Statistical sharps, who profess to keep tab on the county roads, tell us that since 1904 Washington county has constructed and has under contract at the present time 89.61 miles of road, the cost of which will be $1,205,441.05. The reason why it is so hard to keep tab on our county road system is that none of the roads lead anywhere. They are scattered about in all parts of the county, and the longest section constructed anywhere is three and seven-tenths miles long. During the ten years of construction work some of the sections have hooked up with others, making a more continuous route of improved highway in some sections, but there is no through highway anywhere in the county plan, nor any any common center or system of connections.

From the industrial edition of the Washington Observer, which keeps some road tables "alive" from year to year, it is learned that 35 different sections of road have been constructed since 1904, and 14 more sections are under contract. These vary in length from two-tenths of a mile to three and seven-tenths miles, making the aggregate of 89.61 miles. To pay the cost of construction road bonds to the amount of $1,300,000 have been issued, on which the taxpayers are now paying principal and interest. The end is not yet, however for the grand jury has approved the construction of 13 more "pieces" of road in the four quarters of the county, the estimated cost of which is $710,815.01, which really stands as an obligation, as the court has decided that roads approved by the grand jury must be constructed when the county is able to finance the work.

The folly and mistake of this patchwork system is now apparent in the light of the state's comprehensive plan of highways, which is designed to connect all the county seats and important towns and centers and [illegible] system of high-ways. Some of the state routes include a number of the "detached" sections of county improved roads which shows that the county has spent much money needlessly, as the state would have constructed the same piece in its system. The county roads do not conform to the state plan of construction and cannot be incorporated in the latter system without reconstruction.

As a matter of fact the Washington county roads were constructed for political purposes rather than utility. Instead of building "fences" the politicians built roads. If they were "good" politically over in Donegal township, or needed some "salve" to bring them into line, they got a mile or two of county road. Likewise in the Finleys, the Franklins, Amwell, Chartiers, and the rest. That was why no continuous route was built—they parcelled the construction out among the townships and political exigencies often demanded that this construction should be in widely separated sections. Insurgent districts on the river got scant consideration for awhile and other river centers that needed roads got free bridges instead.

This is one striking case of where "the evil men do lives after them." Washington county will be financially embarrassed for years to come, in the light of increasing needs and expenditures on all sides. If the county officials had entered into the state plan of road construction, which they could have done, the greater part of the system would have ultimately been taken off the county's hands and maintained by the state. The mischief has been done, however, and the taxpayers must continue to pay the fiddler.

TOO MUCH SOLICITING.

The warning given by the immigrant inspector at Pittsburg to beware of certain so-called Christianized Turks who are soliciting funds in this section of the state for the alleged propaganda of missionary work, should deter promiscuous giving on the part of charitably inclined persons. Charity and mission work is so well organized now in every locality that a person can contribute right here at home to almost any field of endeavor in social, civic or Christian uplift and know that the contribution will at least be applied to what it was intended to reach.

The local churches cover the mission fields in almost every quarter of the globe through their organizations. We have a local juvenile court committee, and a well organized board of charity. The cause of temperance is ably looked after by local organizations, and organized labor has the means for handling any contributions for its cause to be applied anywhere in the country. Therefore strangers and outsiders who solicit funds can be firmly refused without any scruples of conscience as the most of the worthy causes can be reached by the home representatives.

FOR CHRONIC COUGHS

Milton, Pa., Woman Has Found a Remedy.

Mrs. Howard Wagner of Milton, Pa., says: "I had a bad cold for months and would cough every night until midnight. I consulted a doctor and took two kinds of medicine but got no relief. Vinol was recommended and after taking it a week I could sleep all night without coughing once. I continued its use and now have a fine appetite, never felt better and my cough is entirely gone."

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PICKED UP IN PASSING

The man who writes the "Observations" for the Washington Observer is responsible for the following:

The shades of night were falling in Tylerdale, it was gloomy dusk also in Wolftown, the rugged outlines of Goat Hill were fading into invisibility, the water of Chartiers and Catfish met silently and imperceptibly, a rusty trolley wire squeaked complainingly and a flat car wheel pounded lugubriously, the compartment chime whistle of the Cannonball wailed far down the valley, tubes in the making cracked loudly, a fitful glare from an open furnace ever and anon lit up the sullen expanse f Tyler lake. The air seemed heavy with potent of coming disaster; black fate seemed to hover low preparing to settle upon some devoted head.

The front door of one of the better class of houses in Jefferson avenue opened and a woman stepped out on the porch. The strong light of the tungsten bulb in the hall revealed her as yet young and her face bore the marks of former comeliness as she gazed anxiously toward the car coming in the near distance. A baby's wail could be heard through the open window of the upper floor. Through the hall came the sound of rattling crockery announcing that the maid was hastening the family supper in hopes of yet a seventh evening off for the week.

The car stopped on the near corner. A careworn man verging on middle age stepped off and wearily made his way to the porch where the woman still waited in motionless silence. Their eyes met in wordless greeting. Neither spoke as they entered the house. Mechanically he pressed the button beside the door jam flooding the sitting room with mellow light. He sank heavily into a chair.

Gazing at him with anguished face she inquired. "Oh George, what is it?"

He made no answer other than to shake his head despairingly.

"Have you been forced to offer the business for sale?"

"No, he groaned, "not that, the balance sheet shows gratifying profits."

"Has Aunt Susan made a will and left her money to a hospital?"

"No, she wants to put more in the business if I can use it; says it will eventually go to the children anyhow."

"Then you have caught Tom smoking cigarets."

"No, I think he never did or will."

"Then has Mr. B rown asked for Sarah?" she implored.

"No, not that."

"Then in Heaven's name relieve my suspense, tell me what has been on your mind all week for I saw you were worried even Monday."

The corners of his mouth worked convulsively and pain was depicted in his every lineament. Reaching into his pocket he drew out a small round black object and sadly said:

"Well that suspender button I was telling you about last Sunday finally came off today."

Thus was brought to a dramatic climax another domestic tragedy right in the very heart of civilization almost in the shadow of the buff brick walls of a noble building dedicated to the cause and purposes of public education.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Pindell has declined the ambassadorship to Russia. This means of course that he couldn't wear the uniforms left by the ambassador who was.

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From the way Laura Jean Libbey writes it is impossible to tell whether she is a Miss of a Missus.

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Though the specialists have discovered kissing spreads microbes they haven't as yet traced down a single fatality.

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The veriest failure can prove he is a success if he resorts to palmistry phases.

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Answer To Correspondent

It is easier to think in warm weather than it is in cold?—J. J.. Seriously, Jim, we don't know. We have never tried either.

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Those few days of summer recently convinced us that summer is not just what we want in the line of weather after all.

READ THE MAIL

EATING AND ELOQUENCE

An Englishman's Protest Against Postprandial Gormandizing.

All men eat [illegible] speak; but, [illegible] only the [illegible] the many [illegible]

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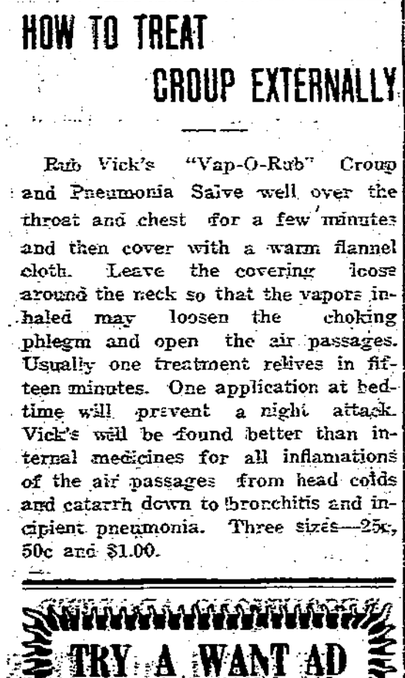

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SENSITIVE PLANTS.

Sunshine at Night Doesn't Fool the Flowers in the Arctic.

The sensitiveness of plants is a never failing interest to all lovers of the woods and fields. Like a human being sensing a fall in the barometer and the coming of a rainstorm, so the clover in the meadow feels and shuts its leaves. A close observer says that a field that was white with blossoms has suddenly become quite changed by the approach of a heavy cloud or the falling of a light shower.

The common chickweed opens its blossom only when the sun is shining and counts on only the bright hours. When it closes its blossoms rain invariably follows. The sea purslane has the same habit. It never opens in cloudy weather and closes when the sun is low, about to sink. The scarlet pimpernel never exposes its flowers to a shower.

One of the naturalists in an arctic expedition noticed that, although the summer sun shone through the nights, the plants made no mistake, but when the sun got round to the west they closed up as if the sun had really set.

The common "four o'clock" almost always closes its flowers at that hour, and so many plants have that instinct that Linnaeus made a floral clock of flowering plants, each of which had its time for closing. The wood sorrel not only drops its leaves and shuts its purple veined flowers when it rains, but does the same if the ground near by is struck with a stick. The family of the oxalis has the same habit.—New York Sun.

EGGS THAT CROAK.

Young Crocodiles Are Heard Before They Are Hatched.

That young unhatched crocodiles utter an audible croaking cry within the eggs in which they are laid is averred by Knowledge, and it adds the cry is so loud and distinct that it can be heard when the eggs are buried under one or two yards of sand.

Dr. W. A. Lamborn tested the fact at Lagos on the West African coast. He heard a croaking noise from below a dry path, and, digging in the path to investigate the cause, he discovered thirteen crocodile's eggs at a depth of about eighteen inches. All the young crocodiles hatched out within half an hour of being dug up.

So far back as 1899 Dr. Voeltzkow noticed that unhatched Madagascar crocodiles uttered a cry from the egg at a depth of two yards and that any shock, as of a heavy tread, near the egg caused the baby crocodiles to produce this sound "with the mouth closed, as we produce hiccup sounds." In this way they inform the female crocodile when she visits the nest that they want her aid, whereupon she scrapes the sand away and they emerge.

Apples With Worms.

May it not be that we get a keener pleasure out of eating an imperfect apple than a perfect one? It is neither the best possible apple, which would be perfect, nor the worst possible apple, which would have a kind of negative perfection; it has a worm at the core. But I wonder whether we do not enjoy it more because we have to eat the more carefully to keep from eating him. Besides, he arouses in our mind all sorts of questionings. Why is he there? What kind of worm is he? How did he get in? How would he have got out if we had not ousted him? And—note this—what sort of apple would it have been if he had taken up his residence elsewhere? The perfect apple could have roused no queries which the defective apple does not. The same subtle influences went to make both—the same elements, the same forces, the same chemical processes. But the defective apple has in addition to all these—the worm.—Robert M. Gay in Atlantic.

Cocaine and Crime.

Police authorities have come to regard cocaine as one of the recognized sources of crime. The cocaine fiend seems to have his moral sense destroyed. The morphine devotee is often a man of refined and elevated thought, with delicate perceptions and with a keen sense of honor and obligations, except that he will always lie and deceive to get possession of his needed "dope." In his sober moments the alcohol fiend is often a man of conspicuous honor. The cocaine fiend seems different. It is believed that cocaine directly stimulates to evil passions and evil deeds.—Family Doctor.

Hollow Tooth Ache.

If you have a hollow tooth and it aches cut a piece of clove to fit the cavity and put it in lightly, allowing the upper part to stick out like a cork in a bottle. It will soon swell, keeping the air from the nerve, and the pain will cease until the clove drops out, when it may be replaced by another.—Exchange.

Steady Employment.

"It's lucky I should meet you, Smith. There's a little bill you owe Timkins, the tailor. He's commissioned me to collect it."

"Has he old man? Well, I'm glad you've got a permanent job at last."—London Tatler.

Impertinent.

"I remember very well the first dollar I ever put in the bank."

"The first? Then you have put in more than one?"—New Orleans Picayune.

Just a Deduction.

"What is his sphere in life?"

"Well, judging from the circle of his acquaintances, I'd say he was a rounder."—California Pelican.

OUR SUPREME COURT.

There Was a "Leak" There Once, but It Was Quickly Stopped.

"Yes; it is true that supreme court decisions leaked in the old days," remarked an old time broker. "I remember a certain important suit about twenty years ago. It was the great case of those days, as big in its way as the Standard Oil and Tobacco suits of the present. A week before the decision came down the son of one of the judges came into my office, and I told him that of the nine judges one would decide 'so and so,' one would refrain from any opinion, and the remaining seven would make a decision 'so and so.'

"He smiled and went away. Shortly after the decision was rendered and the matter had turned out as I had foretold this young man came back to the office. He said his father was greatly worried over the leak in the court and asked me if I could help them trace the source of my information. I told him what I knew—that one of the official supreme court stenographers had been selling advance copies of the decisions to a very prominent broker of that time. What this broker paid for his information I, of course, do not know, but it was established that I was correct as to where the weak spot was in the court.

"Since then every decision by the supreme court has been written in long hand (one copy), thus making it absolutely impossible for any outsider to get the news in advance. This explains in part why it now takes so long for the court to announce its decisions."—Wall Street Journal.

DREAM GREAT DREAMS.

And Then Strive Your Utmost to Make Your Dreams Come True.

To turn the face in the right direction and then to travel on is unquestionably the essential secret of all achievement. There are, however, certain facts as well as certain inner forces common to us all that can be used as helps along the way.

In a recent little poem by Edwin Markham we find these lines:

Great it is to believe the dream
When we stand in youth by the starry stream,
But a greater thing is to fight life through
And say at the end, "The dream is true."

Whether the dream, which may be used as another term for one's ideals, does come true depends primarily upon the self. The intrepid and the brave hearted, moreover, actualize more of their ambitions or ideals than do the faint hearted or the vacillating. It was Goethe who said:

Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute;
What you can do or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it
Only begin and then the mind grows heated;
Begin and then the work will be completed.

Life, or rather life in a continually expanding and achieving form, is, after all, a business, and they who are the most in earnest get from it the most and in turn give the most back to the world again.—Ralph Waldo Trine in Woman's Home Companion.

Beginnings In Authorship.

The first appearance in print of that successful author, Arthur Pendennis, was a poem written to match an engraving which the proprietor of a magazine found unexpectedly thrown on his hands. M. Jules Claretie's first novel was composed under somewhat similar circumstances. Edmond Dentu, a prominent publisher under the second empire, had widely advertised a novel entitled "Une Drolesse," by a writer who signed herself Comtesse Dash. On the eve of publication the lady wanted the title altered. The publisher refused to make any change and in order not to waste money hunted around for an author capable of furnishing within four weeks a novel which the title would fit. M. Claretie undertook the task and finished it well within the stipulated time. — London Standard.

A Sermon on Conscience.

"I knows why you wakes in de nighttime an' stares at de dark, an' pulls de kiver over yo' head," said Brother Williams, "an' you orter know widout me tellin' of you. It's on account er dat conscience you kicked into de corner in de airly mawnin', w'en you wuz fixin' ter leave fer de day. You didn't think ter ax it ter warm its han's by de fire w'en you wuz gwine ter bed, an' so it riz up an' stumbled 'round de room in de dark, ontel it strick a light in w'ich you seen yo' own soul! Dat's how come an' why—git 'roun' it ef you kin!"—Atlanta Constitution.

A Game of Chance.

"I suppose," said the stranger within the gates, "the lid is on all games of chance in this town."

"Don't you believe it, stranger," rejoined the native. "The marriage license office is still wide open."—Exchange.

The Resemblance.

"I was always interested in airships and flying machines, so I bought a theater."

"Why did you do that?"

"A theater has wings and flies."

Just Goes Out.

Juvenile—Mamma, when the fire goes out where does it go? Mother—I don't know, dear. You might just as well ask where your father goes when he goes out.

It is as hard to find a man without guilt as a fish without a backbone.—Archytas.

PRIMITIVE CURRENCY.

Nails, Eggs, Tobacco and Codfish as Mediums of Exchange.

A curious medium of exchange in Scotland not many years ago was handmade nails. This is equaled by Switzerland, where eggs are still current coin. Eggs would be rather risky coin to deposit in the bank for several reasons, but not so wheat and oats, which have been used for all purposes of sale and purchase in Norway and have even been banked. The national corn crop of Mexico is maize and not very long ago formed the chief money of that republic.

In the time of our ancestors tobacco was used almost exclusively in Virginia instead of gold and silver. In Newfoundland dried codfish was at one time a great medium of exchange. It had the advantage of keeping indefinitely, and it is said that the Newfoundland miser got as much pleasure from the odor of his possession as though it were from Araby.

In savage lands they used more curious things as money. Salt circulated in Abyssinia; cubes of beeswax were the medium in Sumatra, cubes of tea were used in Tartary; in some of the Portuguese possessions the coin consists of straw mats. In the islands of the Pacific they depend upon feathers, while in Madagascar the natives count their wealth in iron shovels. China has had varied forms of currency, not the least curious being the coins made of clay, while Japan used the slightly more expensive substance resin.—New York Sun.

VELOCITY OF LIGHT.

Roemer's Early Calculations Have Stood the Test of Time.

The first astronomer to demonstrate satisfactorily the speed of light was Ole Roemer, a Scandinavian scientist, who read his immortal paper on this subject before the Academy at Paris July 22, 1675. Roemer's calculations and conclusions have stood the test of time and subsequent investigations on all important points.

Knowledge as to the velocity of light was of tremendous importance to astronomical science, since it enabled astronomers to estimate accurately the enormous distances with which their science deals. Roemer found that light traveled at the rate of 186,000 miles in a second. The sun, being distant from the earth 92,000,000 miles, flashes light to us in eight minutes and fourteen seconds.

Yet the sun is a near neighbor compared with the so called fixed stars, which in reality move with inconceivable velocity, although the most powerful telescopes will not show that velocity as anything but rest. Beyond the outskirts of our insignificant solar system are other systems, and beyond them still others, so far as the sight of man, aided by instruments, may bridge the ghastly chasm of the infinite.

Distances beside which the immense line stretching from earth to sun is an invisible point are now measured by means of Roemer's special discovery as to the velocity of light.—Exchange.

The Stone of Infamy.

In many Italian cities there formerly existed what was called "pietra d'infamie," or a stone of infamy for the punishment of bankrupts. In Venice one stands near the Church of St Mark, and in Verona and Florence they are near the old markets. On a day in carnival week the old time custom was to have all traders who had become bankrupt in the preceding twelve months led to the stone, and one by one each stood on its center to hear the reading of a report of his business failure and to endure the reproaches heaped on him by his creditors. At the end of a certain time each bankrupt was partly undressed, and three officers took hold of his shoulders and three others of his knees and, raising him as high as they could, bumped him on the stone deliberately twelve times "in honor of the twelve apostles," the creditors crowing like cocks while the bumping proceeded.

Full Information.

In the smoking room of an east bound Pullman, the other evening there were two men—one of them grouchy, the other one receptive. After smoking two indifferent cigars the latter said to the former:

"How far are you going."

"Buffalo," acknowledged the other one, taken off his guard.

"Is that so? Well, Buffalo is a great town. I have a cousin living there, and I've been there myself several times. The last time was twelve years ago and over. Er—what are you going to do in Buffalo?

"Change cars."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Willing.

Outside one of the recruiting depots in an English town a sergeant saw a smart young milkman and, thinking to get a fresh recruit, said, "Young man, would you like to serve the king?"

"Rather!" said the milkman eagerly. "How much does he want? A pint?"

Cynical.

"I always said that political rival of mine would stoop to any falsehood. Now I can prove it."

"How?"

"He sent me a message saying he congratulates me on my election."—Washington Star.

Then He Stole.

Prudent Swain—If I were to steal a kiss, would it scare you so that you would scream? Timid Maiden—I couldn't. Fright always makes me dumb.

A TRIP ON THE KONGO.

Care Free Voyaging on Small Wood Burning Steamboats.

A trip by steamboat on the Kongo river has its lazily amusing attractions as you descend from Stanleyville to the railway at Leopoldville, a voyage of twelve days. The boats, small, stern wheel affairs, carry from twenty to thirty cabin passengers each. On the lower deck are the black travelers, sometimes in a stifling crowd, sprawling over the cargo. Most of the captains are Swedes, Russians or Germans, and the engineers are picked up in Sierra Leone. Two companies run boats, and several of the mission stations have steamboats of their own besides.

Some of the boats have small dining rooms; others set the tables on deck, protected from the sun by awnings. The food is not luxurious, and very little fresh meat is to be had. The fuel is wood, and every five or six hours the boat must stop to replenish the supply from a heap of cut sticks on the bank. These piles of wood are made by natives or by scattered traders, often where no habitation is near, and in such cases the captain pays for the wood by putting money in a box that the trusting woodsman has provided for the purpose.

Every boat carries a drum, and as it approaches an inhabited district the drum is beaten to tell the natives that goats, fruit or vegetables are wanted. Every night the steamer ties up against the bank, and all the black passengers go to sleep on shore. But they devote most of the night to merrymaking and keep those on the boat as wide awake as themselves.—Youth's Companion.

SAVED BY A CAMERA.

A Photographer's Narrow Escape From an Enraged Orang.

As a rule, orang outangs are caught young and tamed before they are shipped to Europe. Mr. W. P. Dando tells in "Wild Animals and Cameras" of such an animal that arrived in London with the best of characters. He was considered a docile, steady going old thing, and Mr. Dando was engaged to photograph him.

I entered the orang's cage as I had entered scores of others. I had not exposed many plates before I saw that the animal was intent on mischief. He was a very powerful beast, and I should have stood no chance at all if he had attacked me.

My only chance was to use the camera as a weapon. Making a sign to the keeper to keep silent, I pointed my hand camera at the orang and with slow and steady step approached him. The keeper was outside the door, ready to open it, but neither of us uttered a sound. I was relieved to see the orang retreat gradually and at the same time slowly rise from the crouched and menacing position he had taken. Once he was on the move, I knew I had a chance. I succeeded in working him round to the corner farthest from the door, which the keeper had silently and slowly opened.

Still pointing my camera at the orang, I very, very slowly backed out of the cage, the door was slammed to, and I was safe. Even when I was partly through the door opening any quick movement on my part would have been a fatal mistake. The animal could have reached me in an instant.

An Estate In the Moon.

After the Franco-German war, in which Camille Flammarion, the famous astronomer, fought as a captain, he settled down to his astronomical labors in Paris and later founded an observatory at Juvisy specially to study the planets. On the occasion of his scientific jubilee he was presented with a silver medal depicting him standing on a cloud, flanked on one side by the planet Mars and on the other by his Juvisy observatory. A region on the moon has been named after him, but in whispering this fact to an interviewer M. Flammarion hoped it would not be published. "The budget commission," he added humorously, "may want to tax it as being landed property."—Westminster Gazette.

His Golden Rules.

A Toronto banker hangs up these golden rules of conduct:

"Have something to say.

"Say it.

"Stop talking."

These are fine rules for special occasions and places, but not for general application. They make no allowance for the necessities of conversation nor for the helpfulness of intercommunication.

They recall with their taciturn suggestion the golden rules that hung over the desk of a western mine owner:

"State your business.

"Shut up!

"Get out!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wanted Them All.

Julia Ward Howe was once talking with a dilapidated bachelor, who retained little but his conceit. "It is time now," he said pompously, "for me to settle down as a married man, but I want so much. I want youth, health, wealth, of course; beauty, grace"—

"Yes," said Mrs. Howe sympathetically, "you poor man, you do want them all."

Married Man's Progress.

The first year after marriage man holds his wife fondly, the second year he holds the baby awkwardly, and every year after that he holds his tongue sensibly.—Dallas News.

Naturally.

"I presume you have a lot of sympathy for the under dog?"

"Yes, ma'am, especially if I happen to own the dog."—Detroit Free Press.

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The average man finds it hard work earning his salary and if he is not saving any of it there must be an additional sense of hardship, for "A farthing saved is twice earned." And the workman who would lighten his burden of worry and earn his salary easier must have a system of saving a portion of it.

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Mrs. Charles Bromwich, 714 Washington avenue, Charleroi, Pa., says: "About two years ago, I had a severe attack of kidney disease and suffered a great deal from pains in the small of my back. I also had headaches and a feeling of languor and although I tried a number of remedies, I wasn't helped. Doan's Kidney Pills were finally recommended to me and deciding to try them, I got a box at Piper Bros.' Drug Store. In a few days after using this remedy I felt a great deal better and before long was completely cured. I recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as highly today as when I gave a public statement in their favor two years ago. The cure they made has been permanent."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Bromwich had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

A NEW DOCTOR

A Philadelphia Specialist Locates in Monessen Pa.

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Offices. 366 Donner Avenue
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This new doctor in making this announcement wishes to respectfully inform the public that he treats all manner of sickness of men, women and children at office by medicine and electricity. as well as by drugless methods, and the late successes of Europe and America Treatment is without loss of time from work. No cutting. Being a professional man who has the interests of the sick at heart, and especially the success and welfare of patrons. past, present and future of the GERMAN—AMERICAN DOCTORS OFFICES, this new doctor NOW in Monessen. extends a cordial invitation to consult him FREE.

It matters not if you are a new caller or an old patient, this new doctor would like to meet you. He comes to Monessen direct from Philadelphia, comes to stay, comes to do the "right and best" by the sick and he desires to so act and do that he be known as a gentleman and respected citizen among society and for this reason this special announcement is publicly made. You can judge for yourselves as to this new doctor, the man and his ability.

Dictor Barnes. who so successfully opened The German-American Doctors Office in Monessen last July, who remained here during A[illegible]rost. September and October. and who was called away early in November on account of sickness. and who has so many friends in Monessen, will hereafter be in frequent consultation with the present new doctor who has just arrived, and the public will again have the benefits of Dr. Barnes' extensive experience in connection with the new doctor who comes highly endorsed.

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PHILLIPS TELLS MORE OF WORK IN NEW FED LEAGUE

In his latest letter this week to a friend here with whom he is keeping in touch Manager Bill Phillips of the Indianapolis Federals states that he has practically finished signing men and will be home shortly. Then he will depart for some southern point in search of training grounds, having apparently abandoned any intention to train at Charleroi. Phillips says: "I have signed Catcher Rariden of the Boston Nationals and Pitcher Moseley, of the Boston Red Sox. This will complete my pitching staff. I will sign a big league shortstop, and I am in need of one big league outfielder yet and will get him soon. I am still on the trail but am almost done now. The Feds are cutting up some."

ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF SISTER'S BIRTHDAY

Miss Catherine Kaufle entertained at her home at 504 Meadow avenue Tuesday evening in honor of her sister Gertrude's birthday. An evening of interesting entertainment was spent by the young folk. A number of guests were present from out-of-town, among the places being represented being Washington, New Kensington, Monessen and Belle Vernon.

CONDUCTOR "BOB" ABRAHAM DIES FROM OLD INJURY

Conductor Robert P. Abraham, aged 34 died at the Mercy hospital at Pittsburg Tuesday from an injury he received last July 15 in an automobile accident. He was popular as a conductor along the entire Monongahela valley.

FRANCIS X BUSHMAN IN FEATURE PICTURE TONIGHT

Francis X. Bushman, the popular photoplay actor is to be featured in "The Stigma" which will be presented at the Lyric theatre tonight. together with other good pictures. The Pathe Weekly will be shown tonight and there will be a Biograph production, "The Abandoned Well." The bill will be completed with an up-to-snuff comedy "Two Fathers."

Aid Cause of Synagogue.

For aid extended to the Kenesth Isarel congregation at Monessen the Young Ladies Hebrew Association have received the following letter from the financial secretary: "Officers and Members: Please accept our sincere thanks for your kind donation to our synagogue. The same has been recorded on our books.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER IS GIVEN FOR A BRIDE

Tuesday evening the clerk of Berrymans store gave a surprise miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. John Pennman. at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Michener. Mrs. Penniman was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. A pleasant evening was spent with music and games. A lunch was served by the hostess.

Miss D'Vorak's performance at the at the Charleroi Rink Monday and Tuesday nights was greeted with much applause. from the large crowds present. Last performance tonight. 173-t1p

OVER NIAGARA FALLS
in four parts tomorrow at Coyle Theatre. 17-t1

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WANTED—Young lady to fill position as stenographer and clerk, with substantial business concern. Inquire 328 Mail office. 191-tf

FOR SALE—Four room house. One fourth acre ground. hog pen. chicken house. large garden. grape and peach trees. Good well at door. Outbuildings. Two porches. Easy terms. Inquire 329 Mail office.

FOR SALE—Five good strong work horses. four wagons. one sled. harness, chains and coal chute. Inquire 1007 Crest avenue. 171-t6p

FOR RENT—Two rooms for light housekeeping with use of bath. Inquire of 326 Mail office. 173-t2

FOR SALE—Cheap, four room house and lot 100x25, equipped with gas, good well located an Oakland avenue, $750 to quick buyer. Inquire 925 Oakland. 173-t4p

WOMEN IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

They Held Office and Could More Than Hold Their Own In Trade.

Women in England have always shared in the industrial life of the nation. Curiously enough, writes Mr. A. Abram in "English Life and Manners In the Later Middle Ages," a statute of 1363 that ordered men to keep to one trade left women free to practice as many as she chose.

In a few instances, at least, women in the later middle ages discharged duties and held offices that do not fall to their lot nowadays. There are allusions to women burgesses in the records of London and other towns, and if women married aliens they could naturalize them.

Women did not shrink from engaging in foreign commerce. They exported goods to France, Spain and other countries. A widow, Margery Russell of Coventry, is mentioned in no less than three different existing documents. Her business must have been on a fairly large scale, for she was robbed of merchandise worth £800 by some men of Santander, in Spain. In order to recoup herself for her losses she obtained letters of marque that empowered her to seize the goods belonging to countrymen of the offenders.

Margery apparently took more than was due her, for two Spanish merchants lodged complaints against her. She was ordered to restore both ships, but one of the Spaniards declared that she had refused to do so, although he had a commission directed to the exchequer. If Dame Margery Russell was a type, women traders of the middle ages were well able to look after themselves.

ORIGIN OF PERFUMES.

Used at First to Kill the Odors of Burning Flesh.

In the good old times the use of perfumes was originated to counteract the offensive odors arising from burning flesh which was being offered as a sacrifice. For this reason incense was always burned in the temples, and from that burning comes the literal significance of the word incense, which means "through the smoke."

Arabia has always been the land of perfume, the "scents of Araby" being classic. Lady Macbeth refers to "all the perfumes of Arabia" in her sleep walking agony when she fancies she cannot wash the smell of Duncan's blood from her hand.

While Arabia has most of the fame it is undoubtedly a fact that to Egypt belongs most of the credit, for the art of perfuming was practiced there to its fullest extent. Even the embalmed dead were saturated with spices and scents which have retained their delightful aroma after thousands of years. It was from old Egypt that the Greeks and Romans learned the use of the still for extracting perfumes from plants and flowers. To this Roman love for perfumes no doubt as much as to her own habits was due the fact that Cleopatra's barge was so overwhelmingly scented. Shakespeare describes it with:

Purple the sails and so perfumed that
The winds were lovesick with them.
—Philadelphia Record.

Consolation.

A victim to hysterical grief over the death of her husband after forty years of an exceptionally happy wedded life grandma sat in her rocking chair moaning and weeping.

Little Robert escaping from the usual watchful care of his nurse, "Aunt Mandy Sanderson," negress of 300 pounds or more, black as anything human could be, and a complete antithesis to the refined, gracious and delicate grandma of sixty, whose grief her grandson would try to assuage)—"Please don't cry so, grandma," he pleaded, as he passed his little hand over her gray locks and with boundless sympathy in his tones. "I'm sure you can get another husband very soon. Why, even Aunt Mandy Sanderson had seven of them!"—New York Sun

Took It Like a Philosopher.

One day Mrs. Jones rushed into the library to her husband with hasty steps and a wild look of excitement.

"Oh, John, oh, John!" she exclaimed, with a lot of emotional thrills. "Norah made a mistake and tried to light the kitchen fire with gasoline!"

"Gasoline, eh?" calmly responded John. "Did she get it started?"

"Did she get it started?" cried the amazed Mrs. Jones. "It blew her out the kitchen window!"

"That's all right, my dear," returned the philosophical Jones. "It was her afternoon out, anyway."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Not Very Funny.

"I did my best to be entertaining," said the young man in a voice of sorrow.

"Did you succeed?"

"I'm afraid not. I recited Hamlet's soliloquy. She looked at me reproachfully for several seconds and then exclaimed, 'I don't think that's very funny!'"—London Telegraph

It Would Be Proper.

"Would you," her inquisitive friend asked, "speak to a man without an introduction?"

"Well, I might. If, for instance, I were to squirt my grapefruit juice in his eyes I should certainly ask his pardon."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Fashion's Poor Slave.

Willie—Paw, what is a slave to fashion? Paw—A man who has a wife and some grown daughters, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

An error gracefully acknowledged is a victory won.—Gascoigne.

"JOE" MASON IS GIVEN PROMOTION BY GOVERNMENT

The following item of interest to local people concerning H. D. "Joe" Mason, Jr., formerly of Charleroi, has been received from Pittsburg, Kansas, having first been printed in the Pittsburg Daily Headlight:

H. D. Mason, Jr., who has been in charge of the mine rescue car No. 4, with headquarters in Pittsburg, Kan., has received notice of a promotion in the government service and will leave next Monday for Pittsburg, Pa., to become assistant mining engineer in the office of G. S. Rice, the engineer in charge at that place. He will be succeeded by Arthur L. Young of Scranton, Penn., who has been his assistant since he has been in charge of the rescue car.

Although much of the time since he took charge of the rescue car has been spent by Mr. Mason in training trips through the Oklahoma and Arkansas coal fields, he had made many friends in Pittsburg and the surrounding territory He has been in the service of the bureau of mines for three years, during which he has had charge at various times of rescue cars Nos. 3, 5, 7 and 4 and has worked in the coal fields of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Arkansas and Iowa. He is a technical graduate as well as a coal miner with practical experience and his work in the government service is highly regarded.

"I want to thank, both privately and publicly, the mine inspectors and all the mining men of the district." Mr. Mason said today "for their very hearty and helpful co-operation and the many courtesies which they have shown me and the work of the bureau of mines since I have been here."

WEDDED TUESDAY AT REYNOLDSVILLE

Continued from first page.

Green and white predominated in the decorations in the home. A wedding dinner was served, after which the happy couple left on the 4:38 train for Charleroi, where they will go to housekeeping at once and be at home to their friends at 124 Fallowfield avenue after February 15. The groom is an attache of the Pennsylvania Railroad staff in Charleroi. Reynoldsville numbered among its most popular and most highly esteemed young ladies the bride of Tuesday.

A delightful social event preceded the wedding. On Monday evening a linen shower was given the bride-elect at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Woodford, at West Reynoldsville. Many presents were received.

RESOUTIONS ADOPTED BY LOCAL MINISTERS

At a meeting of the Charleroi Ministerial association held in the pastor's study of the First Presbyterian church the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"Believing that it is not in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ, and not in harmony with the highest development of manhood and womanhood, be it

"Resolved, That as members of the ministerial association, we put ourselves on record as regretting the action of the church members in Charleroi, who will lend their approval by signing the applications of those who are asking for the privilege to debauch men and wreck homes through theliquor traffic."

FIREMEN OFFICERS ELECTED

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Hendershot: first lieutenant, H. Worthington; second lieutenant, O. Crow.

Company No. 5—Captain, Delbert Carson: first lieutenant, G. Hudspith: second lieutenant, C. Jones.

Company No. 6—Captain, A. D. Lang: first lieutenant, S. Mason: second lieutenant, J. Mitchell.

At Coyle Tomorrow.

"Over Niagara Falls" is the feature production coming to the Coyle theatre tomorrow.